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# Repent, Repentance and Repenting

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     You can repent and ask Jesus into your heart anytime, anyplace. It is very easy, just say from your heart,   
     Father forgive me of my sins and Jesus come into my heart, fill me with you, and lead me in everything I do, lead me to a real good church and show me how to live my life, Jesus Name.  
     But many people want to know why they should repent? Because God says you need it.  
  
**Salvation is for everyone**  
**1. Matthew 9:11-13**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone 11. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, “Why does your Master eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 12. But when Jesus heard this, He said, “Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but [only] those who are sick. 13. Go and learn what this [Scripture] means: ‘I desire compassion [for those in distress], and not [animal] sacrifice,’ for I did not come to call [to repentance] the [self-proclaimed] righteous [who see no need to change], but sinners [those who recognize their sin and actively seek forgiveness].”

**2. Luke 5:31-32**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone 31. And Jesus replied to them, “It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but [only] those who are sick. 32. I did not come to call the [self-proclaimed] righteous [who see no need to repent], but sinners to repentance [to change their old way of thinking, to turn from sin and to seek God and His righteousness].”

**3. Luke 15:7**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone 7. I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

**4. Luke 15:10**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone 10. In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents [that is, changes his inner self—his old way of thinking, regrets past sins, lives his life in a way that proves repentance; and seeks God’s purpose for his life].”

**5. Luke 17:3-4**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone 3. Pay attention and always be on guard [looking out for one another]! If your brother sins and disregards God’s precepts, solemnly warn him; and if he repents and changes, forgive him. 4. Even if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times and says, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him [that is, give up resentment and consider the offense recalled and annulled].”

**6. Luke 24:46-48**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone 46. and said, “And so it is written, that the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed) would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47. and that repentance [necessary] for forgiveness of sins would be preached in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48. You are witnesses of these things.

**7. Acts 2:38**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone 38. And Peter said to them, “Repent [change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways, accept and follow Jesus as the Messiah] and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ because of the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**8. Acts 3:18-19**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone 18. And so God has fulfilled what He foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ (Messiah, Anointed) would suffer. 19. So repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins] and return [to God—seek His purpose for your life], so that your sins may be wiped away [blotted out, completely erased], so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord [restoring you like a cool wind on a hot day];

**9. Acts 11:15-18**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone 15. When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as He did on us at the beginning [at Pentecost]. 16. Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17. So, if God gave Gentiles the same gift [equally] as He gave us after we accepted and believed and trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ [as Savior], who was I to interfere or stand in God’s way?” 18. When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified and praised God, saying, “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance that leads to eternal life [that is, real life after earthly death].”

**10. Acts 17:22-31**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone

Sermon on Mars Hill

22. So Paul, standing in the center of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I observe [with every turn I make throughout the city] that you are very religious and devout in all respects. 23. Now as I was going along and carefully looking at your objects of worship, I came to an altar with this inscription: ‘TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.’ Therefore what you already worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24. The God who created the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25. nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, because it is He who gives to all [people] life and breath and all things. 26. And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands and territories. 27. This was so that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grasp for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. 28. For in Him we live and move and exist [that is, in Him we actually have our being], as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we also are His children.’ 29. So then, being God’s children, we should not think that the Divine Nature (deity) is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination or skill of man. 30. Therefore God overlooked and disregarded the former ages of ignorance; but now He commands all people everywhere to repent [that is, to change their old way of thinking, to regret their past sins, and to seek God’s purpose for their lives], 31. because He has set a day when He will judge the inhabited world in righteousness by a Man whom He has appointed and destined for that task, and He has provided credible proof to everyone by raising Him from the dead.”  
**11. Acts 20:20-25**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone 20. [you know] how I did not shrink back in fear from telling you anything that was for your benefit, or from teaching you in public meetings, and from house to house, 21. solemnly [and wholeheartedly] testifying to both Jews and Greeks, urging them to turn in repentance to God and [to have] faith in our Lord Jesus Christ [for salvation]. 22. And now, compelled by the Spirit and obligated by my convictions, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23. except that the Holy Spirit solemnly [and emphatically] affirms to me in city after city that imprisonment and suffering await me. 24. But I do not consider my life as something of value or dear to me, so that I may [with joy] finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify faithfully of the good news of God’s [precious, undeserved] grace [which makes us free of the guilt of sin and grants us eternal life]. 25. “And now, listen carefully: I know that none of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will see me again.

**12.** **2 Timothy 2: 24-25** (AMP), Salvation is for everyone

24. The servant of the Lord must not participate in quarrels, but must be kind to everyone [even-tempered, preserving peace, and he must be], skilled in teaching, patient and tolerant when wronged. 25. He must correct those who are in opposition with courtesy and gentleness in the hope that God may grant that they will repent and be led to the knowledge of the truth [accurately understanding and welcoming it],  
**13. James 4:1-17**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone

Things to Avoid

1. What leads to [the unending] quarrels and conflicts among you? Do they not come from your [hedonistic] desires that wage war in your [bodily] members [fighting for control over you]? 2. You are jealous and covet [what others have] and your lust goes unfulfilled; so you murder. You are envious and cannot obtain [the object of your envy]; so you fight and battle. You do not have because you do not ask [it of God]. 3. You ask [God for something] and do not receive it, because you ask with wrong motives [out of selfishness or with an unrighteous agenda], so that [when you get what you want] you may spend it on your [hedonistic] desires. 4. You adulteresses [disloyal sinners—flirting with the world and breaking your vow to God]! Do you not know that being the world’s friend [that is, loving the things of the world] is being God’s enemy? So whoever chooses to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5. Or do you think that the Scripture says to no purpose that the [human] spirit which He has made to dwell in us lusts with envy? 6. But He gives us more and more grace [through the power of the Holy Spirit to defy sin and live an obedient life that reflects both our faith and our gratitude for our salvation]. Therefore, it says, “God is opposed to the proud and haughty, but [continually] gives [the gift of] grace to the humble [who turn away from self-righteousness].” 7. So submit to [the authority of] God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him] and he will flee from you. 8. Come close to God [with a contrite heart] and He will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; and purify your [unfaithful] hearts, you double-minded [people]. 9. Be miserable and grieve and weep [over your sin]. Let your [foolish] laughter be turned to mourning and your [reckless] joy to gloom. 10. Humble yourselves [with an attitude of repentance and insignificance] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up, He will give you purpose]. 11. Believers, do not speak against or slander one another. He who speaks [self-righteously] against a brother or judges his brother [hypocritically], speaks against the Law and judges the Law. If you judge the Law, you are not a doer of the Law but a judge of it. 12. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy [the one God who has the absolute power of life and death]; but who are you to [hypocritically or self-righteously] pass judgment on your neighbor? 13. Come now [and pay attention to this], you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and carry on our business and make a profit.” 14. Yet you do not know [the least thing] about what may happen in your life tomorrow. [What is secure in your life?] You are merely a vapor [like a puff of smoke or a wisp of steam from a cooking pot] that is visible for a little while and then vanishes [into thin air]. 15. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and we will do this or that.” 16. But as it is, you boast [vainly] in your pretension and arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17. So any person who knows what is right to do but does not do it, to him it is sin.

**14. 2 Peter 3:9**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone 9. The Lord does not delay [as though He were unable to act] and is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is [extraordinarily] patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

**15. 1 John 1:9**(AMP), Salvation is for everyone 9. If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises], and will forgive our sins and cleanse us continually from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose].

**Jesus is the Answer**  
**16.****Romans 6:23**(AMP), Jesus is the Answer 23. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God [that is, His remarkable, overwhelming gift of grace to believers] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**17. Matthew 4:16-17**(AMP), Jesus is the Answer 16. “The people who were sitting (living) in [spiritual] darkness have seen a great Light, And for those who were sitting (living) in the land and shadow of [spiritual and moral] death, Upon them a Light has dawned.” 17. From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins, live your life in a way that proves repentance; seek God’s purpose for your life], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

**18. John 1:1**(AMP), Jesus is the Answer 

The Deity of Jesus Christ

1. In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

**19. John 3:16**(AMP), Jesus is the Answer 16. “For God so [greatly] loved and dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes and trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life.   
**20. John 10:10**(AMP), Jesus is the Answer 10. The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

**21. Acts 2:38**(AMP), Jesus is the Answer 38. And Peter said to them, “Repent [change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways, accept and follow Jesus as the Messiah] and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ because of the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**22. Acts 4:12**(AMP), Jesus is the Answer 12. And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among people by which we must be saved [for God has provided the world no alternative for salvation].”   
  
     Father forgive me of my sins and Jesus come into my heart, fill me with you, and lead me in everything I do, lead me to a real good church and show me how to live my life, Jesus Name.  
  
**Stop Sinning and Start Acting Like a Child of God**  
**23. Matthew 3:5-10**(AMP), Stop Sinning and start acting like the children of God

5. At that time Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan; 6. and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins. 7. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the [divine] wrath and judgment to come? 8. So produce fruit that is consistent with repentance [demonstrating new behavior that proves a change of heart, and a conscious decision to turn away from sin]; 9. and do not presume to say to yourselves [as a defense], ‘We have Abraham for our father [so our inheritance assures us of salvation]’; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children (descendants) for Abraham. 10. And already the axe [of God’s judgment] is swinging toward the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

**24. Matthew 21:31-32**(AMP), Stop Sinning and start acting like the children of God 31. Which of the two did the will of the father?” The chief priests and elders replied, “The first one.” Jesus said to them, “I assure you and most solemnly say to you that the tax collectors and the prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you. 32. For John came to you [walking] in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing this, did not even change your mind afterward and believe him [accepting what he proclaimed to you].

**25. Mark 1:14-15**(AMP), Stop Sinning and start acting like the children of God 14. Now after John [the Baptist] was arrested and [a]taken into custody, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the good news of [the kingdom of] God, 15. and saying, “The [appointed period of] time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins, live your life in a way that proves repentance; seek God’s purpose for your life] and believe [with a deep, abiding trust] in the good news [regarding salvation].”

**26. Mark 6:10-14**(AMP), Stop Sinning and start acting like the children of God 10. And He told them, “Wherever you go into a house, stay there until you leave that town. 11. Any place that does not welcome you or listen to you, when you leave there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet as a testimony against them [breaking all ties with them because they rejected My message].” 12. So they went out and preached that men should repent [that is, think differently, recognize sin, turn away from it, and live changed lives]. 13. And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many who were sick, and healing them.

John’s Fate Recalled

14. King Herod [Antipas] heard about this, for Jesus’ name and reputation had become well known. People were saying, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him.”

**27. Acts 5:30-32**(AMP), Stop Sinning and start acting like the children of God 30. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a [a]cross [and you are responsible]. 31. God exalted Him to His right hand as Prince and Savior and Deliverer, in order to grant repentance to Israel, and [to grant] forgiveness of sins. 32. And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has bestowed on those who obey Him.”   
**28. Romans 2:4-5**(AMP), Stop Sinning and start acting like the children of God 4. Or do you have no regard for the wealth of His kindness and tolerance and patience [in withholding His wrath]? Are you [actually] unaware or ignorant [of the fact] that God’s kindness leads you to repentance [that is, to change your inner self, your old way of thinking—seek His purpose for your life]? 5. But because of your callous stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are [deliberately] storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.

**29. 2 Corinthians 7:9-10**(AMP), Stop Sinning and start acting like the children of God 9. yet I am glad now, not because you were hurt and made sorry, but because your sorrow led to repentance [and you turned back to God]; for you felt a grief such as God meant you to feel, so that you might not suffer loss in anything on our account. 10. For [godly] sorrow that is in accord with the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but worldly sorrow [the hopeless sorrow of those who do not believe] produces death.

**30. Revelation 2:4-5**(AMP), Stop Sinning and start acting like the children of God 4. But I have this [charge] against you, that you have left your first love [you have lost the depth of love that you first had for Me]. 5. So remember the heights from which you have fallen, and repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, your sinful behavior—seek God’s will] and do the works you did at first [when you first knew Me]; otherwise, I will visit you and remove your lampstand (the church, its impact) from its place—unless you repent.

**31. Revelation 3:2-5**(AMP), Stop Sinning and start acting like the children of God 2. Wake up, and strengthen and reaffirm what remains [of your faithful commitment to Me], which is about to die; for I have not found [any of] your deeds completed in the sight of My God or meeting His requirements. 3. So remember and take to heart the lessons you have received and heard. Keep and obey them, and repent [change your sinful way of thinking, and demonstrate your repentance with new behavior that proves a conscious decision to turn away from sin]. So then, if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. 4. But you [still] have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes [that is, contaminated their character and personal integrity with sin]; and they will walk with Me [dressed] in white, because they are worthy (righteous). 5. He who overcomes [the world through believing that Jesus is the Son of God] will accordingly be dressed in white clothing; and I will never blot out his name from the Book of Life, and I will confess and openly acknowledge his name before My Father and before His angels [saying that he is one of Mine].   
**32. Revelation 3:19**(AMP),

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19. Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I rebuke and discipline[showing them their faults and instructing them]; so be enthusiastic and repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, your sinful behavior—seek God’s will].

**The Children of God, Put Jesus First, ALL IN!!**

(Note: more verses on this topic at Apple Sauce Kids/Topics by Verses/Put Jesus First)

**33. Deuteronomy 6:5-9** (AMP), 5. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and with all your soul and with all your strength [your entire being]. 6. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be [written] on your heart and mind. 7. You shall teach them diligently to your children [impressing God’s precepts on their minds and penetrating their hearts with His truths] and shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up. 8. And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand (forearm), and they shall be used as bands (frontals, frontlets) on your forehead. 9. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**34. Matthew 5:6** (AMP) 6. “Blessed [joyful, nourished by God’s goodness] are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness [those who actively seek right standing with God], for they will be [completely] satisfied.

**35. Matthew 6:19-24** (AMP), 19. “Do not store up for yourselves [material] treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal; 21. for where your treasure is, there your heart [your wishes, your desires; that on which your life centers] will be also. 22. “The eye is the lamp of the body; so if your eye is clear [spiritually perceptive], your whole body will be full of light [benefiting from God’s precepts]. 23. But if your eye is bad [spiritually blind], your whole body will be full of darkness [devoid of God’s precepts]. So if the [very] light inside you [your inner self, your heart, your conscience] is darkness, how great and terrible is that darkness! 24. “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [money, possessions, fame, status, or whatever is valued more than the Lord].

**36. Matthew 6:31-33** (AMP), 31. Therefore do not worry or be anxious (perpetually uneasy, distracted), saying, ‘What are we going to eat?’ or ‘What are we going to drink?’ or ‘What are we going to wear?’ 32. For the [pagan] Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; [but do not worry,] for your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33. But first and most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right—the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also.

**37. Matthew 10:37-39** (AMP), 37. “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38. And he who does not take his cross [expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come] and follow Me [believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me] is not worthy of Me. 39. Whoever finds his life [in this world] will [eventually] lose it [through death], and whoever loses his life [in this world] for My sake will find it [that is, life with Me for all eternity].

How do you repent? You can repent and ask Jesus into your heart anytime, anyplace. It is very easy, just say from your heart,

Father forgive me of my sins and Jesus come into my heart, fill me with you, and lead me to a real good church in Jesus' Name.

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